

Public Law 96-435  
96th Congress

## An Act

Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to accept the conveyance of the United First Parish Church in Quincy, Massachusetts, and authorizing the Secretary to administer the United First Parish Church as a national historic site, and for other purposes.

Oct. 10, 1980

[H.R. 7411]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) in order to preserve for the benefit, education, and inspiration of present and future generations the church in which John Adams, John Quincy Adams, and Abigail Adams are buried, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to accept the conveyance, without monetary consideration, of the following for administration as part of the Adams National Historic Site in Quincy, Massachusetts:

Adams National  
Historic Site,  
Quincy, Mass.

(1) The property known as the United First Parish Church, at 1306 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts, together with such adjacent real property as the Secretary considers desirable.

(2) The furnishings and personal property located in the United First Parish Church, after consultation with the chairman of the board of the United First Parish Church and with the owners of such furnishings and personal property.

(b) The Secretary shall administer the property acquired pursuant to subsection (a) of this section as part of the Adams National Historic Site in accordance with this section and the provisions of law generally applicable to national historic sites, including the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.) and the Act of August 21, 1935 (16 U.S.C. 461 note).

SEC. 2. Prior to accepting the donation of any or all of the property referred to in section 1 above, the Secretary shall submit, after consultation with the Attorney General of the United States, a report to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the United States Senate and to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States House of Representatives describing the measures which the Secretary intends to take to ensure that in the management of said property there is no violation of the constitutional provisions regarding the separation of church and state.

Separation of  
church and  
state, report to  
congressional  
committees.

Contracts,  
obligations,  
payments.

**SEC. 3. Effective on October 1, 1981, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, authority to enter into contracts, to incur obligations, or to make payments under this Act shall be effective only to the extent, and in such amounts, as are provided in advance in appropriation Acts.**

Approved October 10, 1980.

#### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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